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1. A BRUSSELS NEWSPAPER PRINTED AN INTERVIEW MARCH 30 WITH GEORGES KABEA, SON-IN-LAW OF MOISE TSHOMBE, IN WHICH KABEA ARGUED THAT EX-KATANGA GENDARMES TURNED TO "MARXIST" ANGUSTINHO NETO AFTER PORTUGUESE DEPARTURE FROM ANGOLA ONLY BECAUSE THEY HAD NO OTHER CHOICE: MOBUTU HADKILLED OR IMPRISONED THOSE EX-GENDARMES WHO HAD RETURNED TO ZAIRE AND FHLA'S HOLDEN ROBERTO WAS "TIED TO MOBUTU." KABEN TAKES CREDIT FOR CONVINCING EX-GENDARME COMMANDERS NOT TO SEEK REPRISALS AGAINST CITIZENS OF COUNTRIES SUPPLYING ARMS TO ZAIRE. EMPHASIZING THAT EX-GENDARMES WERE FIGHTING NEITHER FOR THE WEST NOR FOR COMMUNIS M
BUT FOR ALL KATANGANS, KABEA CALLED ON BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO TRY TO PERSUADE ZAIRE TO ACCEPT "AT LEAST" THE MEDIIATION EFFORT OF NIGERIA.

2. MFA'S AFRICAN DIRECTOR (LE BRUN) CHARACTERIZED KABEA AS A MEMBER OF THE CONSIERVATIVE KATANGA EXILE COMMUNITY OF FORMER TSHOMBE FOLLOWERS CURRENTLY RESIDING IN BRUSSELS. HE VIEWED MEMBERS OF THIS GROUP - WHO HERETOFORE HAVE BEEN REBUFFED BY PRO-ANGOLAN EX-GENDARME
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LEADERSHIP, E.G. 1976 ARREST IN ANGOLA OF TSHOMBE'S SON - AS SEEKING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EX-GENDARME INVATIONS OF SHABA TO RETURN TO PUBLIC VIEW AND SEEK TO PLAY A ROLE IN DEVELOPMENTS IN ZAIRE.
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